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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the present Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present case. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b). Therefore, no fees should be due in connection herewith. Even if an Official Action had issued in the last few days, no fee would still be due to formally enter the listed documents into the record.

The listed U.S. Patent issued on June 13, 2000, and could not have been known to the applicants prior to that date (less than three months ago). The listed patent issued from the parent application of the present case (Attorney Docket Nos. 4100.000500 and UMIC:013) and so cannot be considered as "prior" because it has the same effective filing date.

No fees should be due. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Examiner should contact the undersigned representative to discuss deduction from Williams, Morgan & Amerson Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4100.000582.

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